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09/729,569	12/04/2000	Susumu Kusakabe	SONY-U0514

CONFIRMATION NO. 4464

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 01/30/2001

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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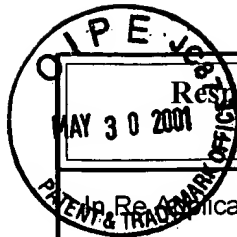
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Section #

Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application

Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533)(Large Entity)

Docket No.

112857-225

In Re Application Of: Susumu Kusakabe et al.

Serial No.  
09/729,569

Filing Date  
December 4, 2000

Examiner

Group Art Unit

Invention: **INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT METHOD**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) mailed on  
January 30, 2001  
Date

Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533). **(REQUIRED)**
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☒ A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☐ A verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Other (list):

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☒ Completion of application fees as calculated below:

☐ Utility application filing fee

☐ Design application filing fee

☐ Total number of independent claims =

☐ Total number of claims =

☐ Multiple dependent claims

☒ Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath **\$130.00**

☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor

☐ Fee for processing an application filed with a non-English language specification

☐ Fee for processing and retention of application

Total completion of application fees **\$130.00**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired). If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

☐ One month ☒ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: **March 30, 2001**  
Date

until: **May 30, 2001**  
Date

Total time extension fees **\$390.00**

Total fees due **\$520.00**

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The fee of **\$520.00** is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**  
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*Signature*

**William E. Vaughan (Reg. No. 39,056)  
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Dated: **May 25, 2001**

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
**(General - Patent Pending)**

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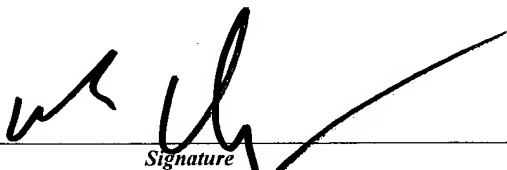
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Transmitted herewith is:

**Formal Drawings - Figures 1-12 on twelve sheets**

in the above identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. **02-1818** as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_
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